

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, we are gathered here today to honor Dick and Jackie Thompson as the Grand Marshals of the Fort Thomas Independence Day Parade and for their dedication and undying love for this city; and

WHEREAS, Dick and Jackie grew up in Fort Thomas where they attended Ruth Moyer and Highlands High School and soon after graduation they started dating and enjoyed the summer together at Jackie's family's cottage at Indian Lake in Ohio; and

WHEREAS, Jackie attended Wittenberg College and Dick went to the University of Kentucky, where they both graduated with a Bachelors Degree. After graduation, they got married on December 29, 1951; and

WHEREAS, Jackie enjoyed a brief career at WLWT Cincinnati before she and Dick started their family, which include three daughters: Melody, Linda, and Amy. Jackie is devoted to family life and volunteering in the community. She was the founder and president of Youth Haven, a safe home for children whose parents are being rehabilitated, and

WHEREAS, Dick and Jackie both treasure the community of Fort Thomas including people from the past and present. Some people collect jewelry, coins or trinkets; Dick and Jackie collect people and their stories and value their relationships; and

WHEREAS, Dick has served the community by volunteering in many capacities such as the Methodist Church Sunday School treasurer for 33 years, the Lions Club historian and editor, and a member of the City of Fort Thomas Planning Commission, but is best known as a respected local historian; and

WHEREAS, Dick and Jackie helped spearhead the Fort Thomas Museum, and worked on the commemorative brick plaza in front of the Community Center as part of the Fort Thomas Heritage League. Forth grade students know Dick as "Rich" the boy whose eyes they look through when taking their Fort Thomas History tours; and

WHEREAS, Jackie's enthusiastic and creative leadership was acknowledged over the years when she was recognized as "The Outstanding Young Woman of Northern Kentucky", "Cincinnati Enquirer Woman of the Year", and Highlands High School "Alumni of the Year". Many Fort Thomas residents know Jackie best for her 50 years of storytelling in our schools and as Senora Thompson, beloved volunteer Spanish teacher, and

WHEREAS, Dick and Jackie are delighted to share this Sesquicentennial celebration with their children: Melody Thompson and Pat Reardon, John and Linda Stewart, Steve and Amy Leigh, and grandchildren McKenzie Leigh, Ryan Leigh, Justin and Sarah (Behler) Stewart, Jack Stewart, and Jared and Jenna (Klingenberg) Stewart currently serving with the U.S. Army in South Korea; and

WHEREAS, if you see Dick and Jackie out taking a walk or resting on the bench in front of Ruth Moyer School, stop by for a visit, they'd love to add you to their treasured people collection!

NOW, THEREFORE, I ERIC HAAS, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF FORT THOMAS, CAMPBELL COUNTY, KENTUCKY, do hereby proclaim that July 4, 2017, be declared as:

"Dick and Jackie Thompson Day"

within the City of Fort Thomas and hereby ask that local citizens honor the Thompsons and express best wishes and admiration to them on this day.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 4th day of July in the year of our Lord two thousand and seventeen.

Eric Haas, Mayor
City of Fort Thomas, Kentucky